
CHAPTER 184 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LEGAL COUNSEL

Section 1 Background

1. PTRS ACTIVITY CODE: 1741

3. OBJECTIVE. This task provides guidance to inspectors for giving technical assistance to legal counsel. Successful completion of this task results in either written or in-person testimony at a court proceeding or hearing.

5. INFORMAL ASSISTANCE. The inspector should keep in mind that regional counsel is usually involved in many cases at the same time, and mutual cooperation is necessary to ensure fair and just results. Occasionally, an inspector may be

requested to provide assistance to legal counsel before a case goes to formal proceedings. An operations inspector is requested to provide information, based on inspector expertise, that would enhance the information already available. For example, in the case of pending airman certificate action, counsel may ask why the airman's action was unsafe and what would a pilot prudently have done. Inspectors should refer to the provisions of Chapter 180, Section 1, of this handbook for guidance on investigatory techniques, acquisition of evidence, and EIR analysis when necessary for this task.

Section 2 Procedures

1. PREREQUISITES AND COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS

A. **Prerequisites.** This task requires knowledge of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, knowledge of the particular Enforcement Investigative Report (EIR), and qualification as an Aviation Safety Inspector (Operations).

B. **Coordination.** This task may require coordination with the Regional Operations Branch and Regional Legal Counsel.

3. REFERENCES, FORMS, AND JOB AIDS.

A. References.

- FAR Parts 1, 9, and 13
- FAA Order 8020.11, Aircraft Accident and Incident Notification, Investigation and Reporting
- FAA Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspector's Handbook

B. Forms.

- FAA Form 1360-33, Record of Visit, Conference, or Telephone Call
- FAA Form 8000-36, PTRS Transmittal Form

C. Job Aids.

- None

5. PROCEDURES.

A. **PTRS.** Upon notification or request from unit supervisor to assist legal counsel, open PTRS.

B. Preparation.

(1) Review EIR or Accident/Incident case, as appropriate.

(2) If requested, obtain additional information or evidence.

(3) If requested, meet with legal counsel.

C. **PTRS.** Upon completion of assistance, close PTRS with appropriate comments.

7. TASK OUTCOMES. This task may result in the inspector's providing written or in-person testimony at a hearing or other court proceeding.

9. FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

A. The inspector may be requested to give additional information on the same case.

B. The inspector may be called for appearance in court proceedings or in hearings.

C. The inspector may be requested to give information in other cases.

